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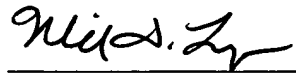
The present Supplemental Response includes a corrected cover page of the Declaration and supplements the response dated December 24, 2002, which was filed in reply to an Official Action dated October 2, 2002 for the above-identified application. The enclosed cover page of the Declaration corrects an inadvertent typographical error that occurred without any deceptive intent on the part of the applicants. Specifically, the Declaration that was filed with the response dated December 24, 2002 listed the application serial number as "09/144,162"; however, the application serial number should have been listed as "09/144,662" (underline notations added).

Also enclosed with the present Supplemental Response is a marked-up version of the cover page showing the correction made to the Declaration (see attached "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made" document); deletions are shown in brackets, while additions are underlined.

Based on a January 9, 2003 telephone conversation with the examiner for the captioned application, applicants submit that the state of preparation of an Office Action responsive to the reply dated December 24, 2002 is such that the present Supplemental Response is compliant with 37 C.F.R. §1.111(a)(2). Therefore, applicants respectfully request entry of the present Supplemental Response and the two enclosures concerning the corrected cover page of the Declaration.

Any questions or issues associated with the present Supplemental Response or any other matter concerning the captioned application should be directed to applicants' undersigned representative by telephone, so that such questions or issues may be expeditiously addressed.

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